

**REMARKS**

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed January 10, 2007. Claims 1-21 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-21 have been rejected. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

**Section 102 Rejections**

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,152,105 issued to McClure, et al. ("*McClure*"). Applicant respectfully traverses for the reasons described below.

Claim 1 is allowable at least because *McClure* does not teach or suggest "receiving, from a network intrusion detection sensor, one or more data packets associated with an alarm indicative of a potential attack on a target host." The Office Action contends that Column 17, line 29 to Column 18, line 50 of *McClure* discloses this limitation, but this is incorrect. *McClure* merely discloses transmitting TCP SYN packets to target computers. *See McClure*, Column 16, lines 57-61. At no point does *McClure* teach or suggest "receiving, from a network intrusion detection sensor, one or more data packets associated with an alarm indicative of a potential attack on a target host."

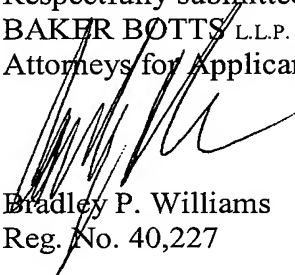
For at least these reasons, Claim 1 is allowable, as are all claims depending therefrom. Claims 7 and 16 are allowable for analogous reasons, as are all claims depending therefrom. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brad P. Williams, Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6447.

Applicant believes no fee is due. However, should there be a fee discrepancy, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **02-0384** of **Baker Botts L.L.P.**

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